

Council Meeting Staff Report

January 18, 2023

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Indexes (Council Goals):
Presenters: Cornell Wright
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Title

Election of Board of Public Utilities Chair and Vice-chair for 2023 Calendar Year

Recommended Action

The board should elect a Chair and Vice-chair using the method agreed upon.

Utilities Manager's Recommendation

The Utilities Manager recommends that a Chair and Vice-chair of the Board of Public Utilities be elected for 2023 in accordance with LAC Ordinance Sec. 40-41.

Body

The Board of Public Utilities shall annually elect its chair and such officers as it desires from among its members. The election shall occur at the regular meeting in January of each year (LAC Ordinance Sec. 40-41. Board of public utilities - Organization.)

Procedure to be Agreed Upon by General Consensus for the 2023 Elections:

First use the following steps to elect a new Chair, and then repeat the process for the Vice-chair. After the Vice-chair is elected, the previous Chair continues to conduct the meeting. The outgoing Chair will continue to Chair the remainder of the January meeting through its conclusion, with the incoming Chair assuming Chair responsibilities immediately following conclusion of the January meeting.

1. The current Chair says "nominations are now in order for the office of Chair of the Board of Public Utilities"
2. Any member, including the chair, can nominate one person. After each nomination, the current Chair states that "[NAME] is nominated by Member [NAME]. Are there any further nominations?"
3. When it appears that there are no further nominations, the current Chair will ask once more for any final nominations. If there is no further response, the Chair will then declare the nomination closed.
4. Have a roll call vote for the Chair position.
5. If no one receives a majority of the votes and more than two nominations received votes, drop the nomination that received the fewest number of votes and the nominations that receive no votes and go back to step 4.
6. If there are only two nominations and the vote is a tie, try a second roll call vote. If that also results in a tie, the current Chair chooses between the two nominees.
7. If the person elected declines the position, go back to step 1 with the provision that said elected person may not be nominated again.

Alternatives

None - The Board is required by Ordinance to elect a chair and vice-chair annually in January.